

A full and True ACCOUNT OF THE PROCEEDINGS

AT THE
Sessions of *Oyer and Terminer*,
Held for the City of London, County of Middlesex, and County of Surrey,
Delivery of the *Prerogative*,
WHICH BEGAN AT THE



SESSIONS House

IN THE Old-Bayly,

On *Wednesday*, April 26. and ended on *Friday*, April 28, 1682.

Where were many Remarkable Proceedings, but
more especially the *TRIAL* of

James Boucher, and *Walter Archer*,
For Killing the Bayly at *Westminster*.

As Also in Relation to the Person Accused for *Stealing* the
Daughter of a Child.

With the Names of those that received Sentence of
Death, the Number of those Banished in the *House*,
Transported, and *Killed*.

At the Sessions which began at the Sessions House in the
Old-Bayly, on the 20th of April, and there continued
till the 20th of the same Instant: the Proceedings were as fol-

loweth.

Edward Oddy was indicted and Tried, for that he on the 27th of December last, Robbed the House of *Ambrose Saunders*, and took thence wearing Apparel, Sheets, Pewter, Brass, and other things, to a great value; upon the Tryal, although he pleaded *Not Guilty*, yet the Witnesses Swore that several of the Goods were found in the Prisoners House, and that he employed a Woman to sell the same: whereupon the Jury (after receiving their charge) brought him in Guilty.

John Belther, *William Best*, and one *Busler*, were Indicted for picking the Pocket of *Margaret King*, on the 27th of February, of Nine Pounds, Fifteen Shillings; the Two former, upon their being Apprehended, confessing the same, although one of them was not judged to be above 10 Years old, but there being no Evidence against the Third, only the confession of the accessaries, he was acquitted.

Richard Osborn was Indicted for Stealing a Tankard from one *Griffith Fones* in *Soaper-Lane*, but he not being able to charge him any otherwise than that he came and offered to help him to it again for a sum of Money he was acquitted.

Mary Sharp and *Mary Mosley* were Indicted and Tried for a Burglary and Felony, in breaking the House of one *Mr. Sadler*, on *St. Thomas's Eve* last, and taking thence Two Parrendine Gowns, Six Silk Petticoats, several Shifts, Table-Cloth, Napkins, a Hundred Yards of Ribbons, and other things, to the value of Fifty Pounds, most of which they Pawned at one *Smiths* a Broker; but their Plea was their Husbands stole them, and compelled them to sell um, the Husband of the latter having been Executed last *Surgeons*, upon which the Jury so far commiserated them as not to find them Guilty.

William Griffith and *William Hall* were Indicted for stealing a Hundred and Four Gold Rings from *Mr. William Chapman* Goldsmith in *Barkin-Park*, on the 3rd of February, the manner thus: A Person coming into the Shop to buy a Ring, whilst the Apprentice opened the Shutter, the Box was drawn out by reaching over one of the Sides, and the former of the Prisoners some time after going to sell one of the Rings, was apprehended, warning being given as is usual upon the like occasion, and upon further search, another Ring was found about him, he having put it into his Knife-sheath, but he alleged he found them, till coming before *Sir William Twiss*, he confessed they were given him, and declared several of his Accomplices; but there being no other Evidence than that against *Hall*, he was acquitted, but *Griffith* found Guilty of the Felony.

Mary Fones and *Margaret Shuter*, having an Indictment prefer'd against them for Stealing a piece of Crape from one *Mr. Smith*, a Coat-seller in *Great St. Bartholomews*, under pretence of buying several Yards; but being pursued, the former was taken with it about her, but the latter at that time made her escape, but was soon after taken, upon their Tryal, they pleaded *Not Guilty*, alleging they found it, and that they were never

never in the Shop; but the proof being plain that it was taken upon them, they were found Guilty of the Felony.

Mary Harris was Indicted for Stealing Two Silver Tankards, valued at Twelve Pounds, on the 13th of this Instant, from *John Soutley* in *Thames-street*, but there being no positive proof that she had them, the Jury would not find her Guilty upon Circumstantial Evidence.

Elizabeth Cooper being Arraigned upon an Indictment for stealing Ribbons and Silks, she confessed the Felony.

Mriah Felder had an Indictment preferred against him by one *Mr. Benson* of *St. Dunstons* in the East, for Stealing about Fifty Pounds worth of Brass Wyre, the Evidence proving the sale of some parcels of Wyre by the Prisoner, but not being able to swear it was any part of that which was lost, he was acquitted.

Joseph Radwell took his Tryal upon an Indictment for stealing about Five Hundred weight of Lead and Iron, the which he sold to a Broker-Woman near *Holbourn-Bridge*, and she disposing of them to *Silliard-makers*, they were owned; to his Indictment, he pleaded *Not Guilty*, and endeavoured to deny that he ever had or sold any such Weights, but that being plainly proved, he layed it upon a Porter, that, as he said, brought them thither; but the Porter not being to be found, he was found Guilty.

George Pain a Pot-stealer was Tried for stealing near a Hundred of all sorts, viz. Pewter-Pots, but for want of the Brokers Evidence that had purchased his stolen Ware, he was acquitted.

James Smirke was Indicted for a Felony committed in *St. Martins* in the Fields, taking about Three pounds worth of Silks and Stuffs, but there not being sufficient Evidence against him, he was acquitted.

Two Women for Stealing Tape, Lace and Stuffs, were Indicted, and several of the said Goods being found about one of them, she impeached the other, but there being no proof against her otherwise, she was acquitted, and she on whom the Goods were taken, found Guilty.

George Wallis was Indicted for Robbing his Lodging, on the 28th of *March*, and conveying thence Sheets, Blankets, Shifts, Pillow-beers, and other things, to a considerable value, which he disposed of to several Brokers in *Long-Lane*, and other places, which being there found, and he upon the same Apprehended, he pleaded he borrowed them, but that Shift availed him not, for the Jury brought him in Guilty.

A Fellow that was Chamberlain to an Inn in *St. Giles* in the Fields, entering a Gentlemans Lodging on the 13th of *March*, took thence a suit of Cloaths, a Sword, and other Riding Furniture, and conveyed them to a Carriers, directing them to be sent after him to *Worcester*; but upon search for the Goods, they were seized in the Inn before they were packed up to be sent to him, so that by that means having notice where he was, the owner sent and had him Apprehended; who being committed to Prison, and an Indictment preferred against him, he confessed the taking of them, but alledged that he only designed to ride a Journey with them, and

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so to restore them; but the excuse being looked upon as frivolous, he was found Guilty.

Edward Villmore was indicted for the Murderer of *Christopher Todd*, the manner, as it appearing upon Evidence, thus; the deceased drinking in the Celler under the *Exchange* in the *Strand*, on the 17th of Decemb. last the Prisoner came in, wheretupon a quarrel happened about drinking, which in the end caused a scuffle, so that the deceased falling, his left Thigh being infirm by reason of the perishing and splintering the Bone for many Years before, it either broke, or the Splinters of the Bones cut the Arteries so, that by reason of the great effusion of Blood, he dyed within 7 Weeks afterwards, but no former malice being proved, and it being plain that the deceased gave the first abuse, the Prisoner was acquitted.

Hester Bird was Indicted for Robbing Alderman *Sturt* of a Gold-watch, Silver-Lace, and several parcels of Money, which she did by the convenience of a false Key; he being a Lodger in her House; but she pleaded he gave her what she had, and made many slight pretences that he offered to force her, &c. but the Evidence being plaid against her, she was found Guilty.

Walter Archer, *James Boucher*, and *Elizabeth Fitz-Patrick* were Indicted for the Murder of *William Jones* a Bayliffs follower, the manner thus; several Officers having Attrested the Mother of *Walter Archer*, carryed her to an adjacent House in *St. James's*, where under pretence of sending for Bail, two persons came up, and after them Four more with drawn Swords, and forcing into the Room, run the deceased through, and afterwards stabbed him in several places, so that within half an hour after he dyed, the rest of the Bayliffs hardly escaping; the Prisoners pleaded they were not the parties that killed him; but the proof being plain, as likewise against *Elizabeth Fitz-Patrick*, that she was aiding and assisting, they were all three found Guilty of wilfull Murder.

John Dicher, *Ann Dicher*, and *Elizabeth Stocker*, were Indicted for Robbing a House at *Deptford*, and bringing the Goods into *Middlesex*; as likewise another Indictment for Robbing the House of Captain *Forsy*; of which Felonies the former was found Guilty, but the latter was acquitted.

John Bann, a French-man, and late Cook to His Grace the Duke of Buckingham, was Indicted for the Murder of *Philip Gilbert*, Cook to the Right Honourable the Earl of *Essex*, the circumstances as they appeared upon Evidence, being these, The Prisoner going to a Tavern at *Charing-Cross*, and sending a Porter for the deceased, in the name of Two French Gentlemen, but he no sooner came, but they fell to quarrel, and the Prisoner drawing upon the deceased, they fought, where after a pass or two, the prisoner swearing he should kill him, was as good as his Word, for running him into the body, he instantly dyed; the prisoner pretended the deceased owed him money, and that was the occasion of the quarrel, but not being able to prove it, he was found guilty of wilful murder.

Gilbert Stockdale, the person who was imprisoned for getting his Daughter *Ursula Stockdale*, a Girl about 12 Years of Age, with child, was called to the Bar, where he appeared to be 70 Years of age, and there being no Indictment preferred against him, he was inturged.

All the Remarkable Sessions, Eight Persons received Sentences of Death, 5 Men and 3 Women, *Kiss*, *John Batts*, *James Boucher*, *Walter Archer*, and *Elizabeth Fitz-Patrick*, for Murder, *John Belcher*, *William Well*, *Ann Stubbs alias Litcher*, and *Ann Stacy*, for Felony and Robbery.

Hester Bird, and *Iane Freeman*, were reprieved before judgement, and ordered to be Transported, *William Griffith*, *John Dicher*, *John Smith*, *Joseph Rudwell*, *Katherine Smith*, *Elizabeth Cooper*, *Mary Shorter*, *Mary Jones*, *Iane Hull*, were burnt in the Hand; 3 ordered to be Whips, and so ended this remarkable Sessions.